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1. EMBASSY HAS RECONSIDERED VISITS PROPOSED IN REF C IN
LIGHT OF FURTHER GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REF A. RATIONALE IN REF B
STILL APPLIES. IN ARRANGING FOR VISIT OF ICAF DURING 1977,
EMBASSY RAN INTO SOME RESISTANCE FROM BOTH DUTCH GOVERNMENT
AND DUTCH BUSINESS TO HOST VISITS AND BRIEFINGS. WITH THE
NETHERLANDS BEING SUCH A SMALL COUNTRY, THERE ARE ONLY SO
MANY OFFICES WITHIN THE GOVERNMENTAL MINISTRIES AND INDUSTRIES
WITHIN THE COUNTRY THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO MILITARY, POLIT-
ICAL AND ECONOMIC VISITORS. THEREFORE, ALL CODELS, STAFDELS,
GAO TEAMS, AND VISITING TEAMS FROM DOD AND THE MILITARY SERVICES
VISIT THE SAME GENERAL GROUP OF DUTCH OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN.
MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY HAVE FREQUENTLY HEARD THE COMMENT,
"DON'T THOSE AMERICANS EVER TALK TO EACH OTHER WHEN THEY GET
BACK TO THE STATES?" WHILE THE DUTCH ARE VERY SYMPATHETIC
TOWARD US, THEY GET TIRED OF US TAKING UP SO MUCH OF THEIR
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TIME WITH VISIT AFTER VISIT.

2. THEREFORE, WE SUGGEST THAT THE ICAF VISIT PROPOSED BY REF A
NOT COME TO THE NETHRLANDS IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THEY
WOULD SEE THE SAME PEOPLE AND SAME PLACES AS LAST YEAR.
EVEN THOUGH THE GROUP WOULD BE SMALLER THIS YEAR, THAT IS NOT
THE PROBLEM. THE PROBLEM IS FREQUENCY OF VISITS. FURTHER SUGGEST

THE ICAF VISIT BE CONSIDERED FOR 1979.

3. SINCE NWC WAS NOT HERE LAST YEAR AND HOPEFULLY THEIR VISIT REQUIREMENTS WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF ICAF, WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO ARRANGE BENEFICIAL APPOINTMENTS FOR THE NWC GROUP I. SINCE 16 APRIL IS A SUNDAY, PLEASE DON'T PLAN ON OFFICIAL VISITS UNTIL MONDAY.

4. BECAUSE THE PROPOSED VISITS ARE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF TULIP TIME, HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE ALREADY DIFFICULT TO GET. THEREFORE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY HOW MANY SINGLE AND DOUBLE HOTEL ROOMS WILL BE REQUIRED AND FOR THE EXACT PERIOD OF TIME. AN AVERAGE SINGLE ROOM WILL COST APPROXIMATELY FL 85.00 AND A DOUBLE FL 125.00 (CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXCHANGE ONE DOLLAR EQUALS TWO GUILDERS).

5. CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE MAJOR DANIEL B. MCDYRE, USMC, A/ALUSNA, AMEMBASSY, THE HAGUE, PHONE 070-624911, EXT. 368. MCCLOSKEY

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